



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Ryoichiro UEHARA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3677  
Application No.: 09/963,577 ) Examiner: J. Brittain  
Filed: September 27, 2001 )  
For: BUCKLE ) Confirmation No.: 9686

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005, the period for response having been extended to October 15, 2005, by a request for extension of one (1) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.